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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2003, for one month from January 29, 2004, to February 29, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is attached hereto to cover the cost of the extension. Please charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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